

# Pipe Repairs To Bring Sufficient Heat

By CHARLES MARTIN

Like Chicago's new John Hancock building, the chilly confines of old collegeville have recently been without sufficient heat.

Extensive replacement and patching of Saint Joseph's ancient heating pipes are being conducted. Much of the work, such as the new line in back of the administration building, was accomplished over interterm. But the plumbing crew is working round-the-clock to take care of leaks which are still springing up.

"Most of the plumbing dates back 30 to 40 years, some being the original pipes installed with

the buildings," states Fr. Paul Wellman, vice-president for business affairs. The hard water corrodes the insides of the pipes and natural elements eat away at the uninsulated outsides.

Inferior chemical treatment in the past has not adequately protected the pipes. Now the latest in chemical treatments are being employed to protect the insides from abrasives. "One of the biggest problems of my job is dealing with the salesmen who sell chemicals because they are just interested in selling; sometimes they're just charlatans," says Thomas Moore, resident engineer. "Now

we are dealing with a reputable firm who tells us if we are getting the proper results," he adds.

"The new filtration system will help by allowing us to send better filtered water through the pipes," comments Wellman.

The problem is a loss in steam, and a subsequent loss of heat due to leaks in the rusty lines. The boiler sends steam through the lines which returns as water, and is then recycled into the boiler. Here protective chemical additives are injected to clean the lining of the pipes.

Moore stated that when he came here in February of 1969 there was a 30 per cent recovery of water. Now recovery is up to 60 per cent. He hopes it will soon be near

a recovery of 100 per cent. This would indicate that there were no leaks.

"We will always have the problem of having too much or not enough heat in the older buildings. Thermostats would correct this, but they are much too expensive to consider," he says.

To a large degree the problems can be attributed to the bitter cold weather. "What is occurring is water in the lines that has been freezing, cracking the pipes," Wellman states.

Dan Green, foreman of the plumbing department, praises the students for their cooperation. "We sympathize with the students during this aggravating situation.

Any student without sufficient heat should put in a work order and we will do our best to correct the problem," he says.

According to Green, Halas and Gallagher Halls have been having the most problems because of their poor construction. The pipes were not welded properly and inferior materials were used, he says.

Moore points out that the students could help by leaving their heat partially on when they are gone for long periods of time. One student left for the weekend, leaving his heat completely off. He returned to find that the water in the pipe had frozen and cracked the radiator. The cost of replacing the radiator was \$500.

## Return Of The Seven



Returning for the third time this year will be December's Children, this Friday at 9 p.m. in Halleck Center snackbar.

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## Fee Hike Meets Higher Costs

By MARY WIEHL

Higher operating costs were cited by Father Paul Wellman, vice-president for business affairs, as the main reason for the \$100 fee increase next semester. The total charges for full time resident students are going from \$1290 to \$1390, per semester.

Breaking it down, each semester \$25 of the \$100 fee increase will go to room charges. This will put the college at the "break even" point for student residences. In the past year \$35,000 was lost in residence operations. The \$75 hike in tuition is needed to offset higher educational operating expenses.

"We are programmed for a balanced budget, based on our present enrollment," says Wellman. An increase in enrollment would be a source of funds because the campus has "unused capacity" which can be filled without incurring any appreciable additional expenses. The rising cost of private education, however, is forcing more students to turn to state schools. Wellman ranked Saint Joseph's College "right on the median" with comparable private schools but admitted private educational institutions cannot compete with state educational prices.

Major library or classroom renovations are not included in the projected budget nor is the increase intended to offset deficits incurred for physical plant improvements. Over \$445,000 was spent last year on capital improvements such as the new boiler and water treatment system. "We knew we'd lose over a quarter of a million dollars but we had to do it," states Wellman. The average capital expenditures for previous years was around \$200,000. An increase in enrollment or outside aid will help considerably to re-

tire debts incurred because of physical plant improvements.

"The College is not on the brink of disaster, but we must program carefully and cut out the frills as much as possible," Wellman adds. "The long-range financial future of this college depends on our ability to attract more students, to get outside aid from sources besides students' fees such as private donations and state or federal aid, or a combination of any of these. We can't continue to raise fees sufficiently to offset the rise in costs."

## Senate OK's Faculty Voice

At Tuesday night's meeting, the Senate granted speaking privileges to all faculty members and ruled that any administrator who does not possess faculty status may speak when spoken to at all future meetings.

The motion, proposed by Fred Giel, SA president, came as a result of speaking privileges recently granted Student Senate members at faculty meetings.

Speaking on behalf of the faculty, Ernest Fritsch, instructor of physical education, pointed out that as a result of the senate action, communications between students and faculty can be better implemented and noted that the faculty could possibly serve the students in an advisory capacity.

In other action, the Senate endorsed a pair of proposals which would radically affect traffic con-

trol on campus. One proposal states that "all traffic fines be reduced by 90 per cent and that the fines collected be turned over to the SA for its use." As an alternative, the Senate also endorsed a proposal which would suspend all traffic regulations until a uniform policy can be enacted.

Both proposals resulted from debate which pointed out that students are compelled to pay traffic fines while faculty members are in no way penalized for traffic violations.

A special senate committee was formed to study the traffic situation and make recommendations to the Student Life's subcommittee on traffic and campus safety.

The Senate also rejected a proposal by Dale Hoyt (Jr.-Ben.) to amend the constitution so that the Senate would meet once a week, rather than every other week.

## Student Association Plans More Flicks, Mixers

More movies, more mixers and a tentative film festival are among activities the Student Association is planning for this semester, according to SA vice-president Dennis Boyle.

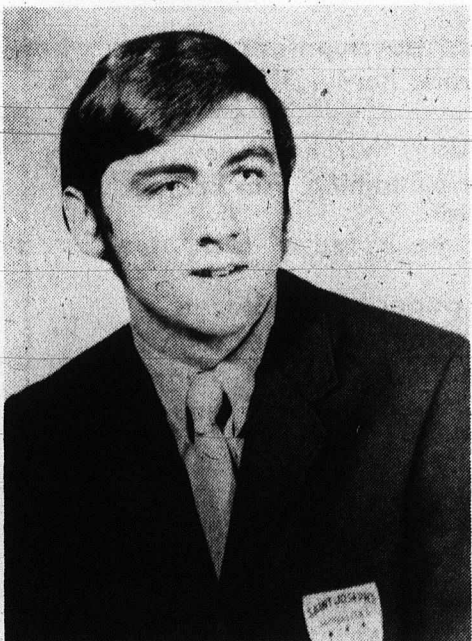
"For the first time in years," says Boyle, "we will begin this semester in the black, with all debts paid." Last semester ended with a surplus of \$3,000 with no debts owed. "Financially the SA is looking great," he adds.

According to Boyle, "we are going to try to have three movies each week and a mixer in the Halleck Center basement every week-

end. In the past we have found these small mixers to be very successful."

At present Boyle is considering a weekend centering around a 1930's theme. This would include movies from the 30's and a vaudeville night in the auditorium. He is also looking into replacing the large concert in the fieldhouse with a small concert in the auditorium with two shows.

Major events scheduled this semester are Mardi Gras (March 26-27), Little 500 (April 23-24), and Prom (May 8), which will be held at the Holiday Inn in Lafayette.



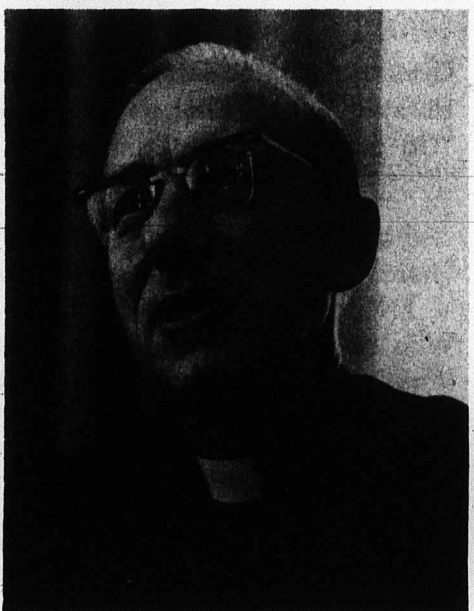
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## Pre-Cana Discusses Life

For the seventh year in a row, Saint Joseph's College will present a series of Pre-Cana Conferences, in-depth lectures on relevant topics concerning marriage. These conferences, open to all students, will be presented weekly from February 1 to March 22, at 7:15 in the Conference Room in Halleck Center.

Fr. Leonard Kostka, Chaplain and director of the conferences, explained that "those who attend shouldn't expect to be given a blueprint for marriage out of these conferences. Although no two couples are alike, there are basic patterns true to all marriages, and these patterns will be described by the speakers. . . . These subjects are key areas where married people are concerned."

All the speakers are married, and many of the topics will be presented by husband and wife teams. "We try to pick people who are close to the topics, and close to the kids," explained Kostka. He added, "These speakers say the most ordinary things, which aren't so much deep insights, but their own experiences, which gives their words extra meaning. It takes on flesh and blood."



KOSTKA

The topics range from philosophic, such as Dr. Robert Wood's lecture on "The Meaning of Love," to the very practical, such as Mr. and Mrs. Allen Broussard's lecture entitled "How Much Will It Cost?" to the frank presentation of Dr. Paul Williams, entitled "Human Sexuality." The next lecture will be by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crowley, "Choice of a Partner."

Certificates will be awarded to all those who attend the conferences, and although the Conference concerns marriage, any student, married, engaged, or single, is urged to attend.



# Working Together

At their last meeting of the first semester, the faculty voted to admit to their monthly meetings all senators and SA officers, with speaking privileges. Tuesday's Senate meeting saw that group admit to their meetings all faculty members, with the same speaking privileges.

Both faculty and senators are to be commended for this action. In a very gradual, step-by-step process, the college is moving toward a college assembly, in which the whole college community would participate in all aspects of the institution. This action is another step toward the college assembly concept.

However these two decisions have a more immediate importance than a movement to the college assembly. In the past, observation of both faculty and Senate meetings has shown a lack of "full" knowledge in many decisions. Too often the faculty has passed motions concerning academics or student life, while not really knowing what the students want or how they feel. The same is true of Senate meetings. Frequently, during discussion of a motion, Senators will express uncertainty regarding faculty matters.

Overall there was a definite lack of communication between the two bodies. Up to now the only way the Senate learned of faculty business was through the SA president, and this often caused to prolong and hamper Senate business. And how often have faculty members felt that much tedious work could have been avoided had Senators had further advice concerning faculty matters?

With faculty admitted to Senate meetings and vice versa, communications can do nothing but improve. Both faculty and students can begin to understand each other, rather than one group criticizing the other. Further action of these two bodies can become more "fully" knowledgeable.



# 34 Myths Stifle Better Education

During a recent White House conference on children, Dr. Dwight Allen, dean of the University of Massachusetts school of education, presented a paper in which he listed 34 "myths" in American education. He defined these as "obsolete assumptions and ill-founded beliefs which have remained buried in our educational system for so long that we have often accepted their validity without question."

"Too long have our children been learning in spite of, rather than because of, our efforts; it is imperative to reverse this trend," declared the report. First of all, says Allen, it is essential to identify the myths. Included in the position paper are the following:

1. Children have to go to school to learn. ("Although most of us pay lip service to the notion that learning can take place virtually anywhere and anytime, our worshipful attitude toward formal schooling reveals a refusal to explore alternatives which maximize learning outside the classroom," suggested the report.)

2. Teachers know and children don't. (With the new availability of knowledge through many media, including visual means, a teacher is no longer a sole source of information, noted the forum.)

3. Schools prepare children for the future. (There is still too much emphasis on memorizing facts rather than developing the skills for locating information, for example. And not enough school time is spent on helping children learn to cope with feelings and emotions, with the frustrations and pressures of an industrial society and with the use of leisure.)

4. Schools teach the truth. ("The sins are primarily those of omission rather than commission and the perpetuation of misleading partial truths," concluded the White House conference forum.)

5. Competition in class is good and grading is good.

6. Schooling can only be changed slowly. ("Radical" does not have to mean "irrational," noted the forum report, calling for as comprehensive, bold and radical a program as the one which launched the astronauts into space.)

7. You shouldn't experiment with children in schools. (By not changing as rapidly as society, schools are becoming increasingly inappropriate, declared the position paper. Experimenting can produce three immediate benefits—more funding, more attention to the children and a greater amount of monitoring so that problems tend to be caught instead of going unnoticed in a status quo operation.)

8. You can't change education because "they" won't let you. ("They" can be identified as legislators, state certification committees, parents, federal governments, kids, budget officers, school boards, teachers or whomever it is convenient to blame. But those who are determined to succeed can often do so, especially with the imaginative use of a "catalyst" to "throw 'them' off guard," said the conference group.)

9. You can't change education without more money.

10. Local school boards control education.

11. Democracy can't work in the classroom.

12. You can't change human nature.

13. Hard work will pay off.

14. There is a "right" way to teach.

15. A teacher must be objective.

16. Testing is necessary.

17. A basic fund of knowledge must be taught to all children.

18. Teachers are interchangeable parts.

19. Children learn best in a quiet, orderly classroom.

20. Capacity is fixed and unchangeable.

21. Failure is good for children.

22. Learning takes place systematically.

23. Children don't know what is good for them.

24. When a child can say it "by heart," he really knows it.

25. The earlier you learn it, the better.

26. Grade levels are necessary.

27. The smaller the class the better.

28. The more time you spend, the more you learn.

29. The more access they have to teachers, the more children learn.

30. Changing the administration will change schools.

31. You have to get your goals in order first.

32. New facilities are needed for change.

33. Experts always know what to do.

34. You must be sure of your results before you start.



BILL HOLDA

## Down Libel Lane

Having won no Pulitzer prize for an outstanding column last semester, I've decided to make a bid for poet laureate of Collegeville. The following masterpieces are submitted, totally in fun, of course.

There once was a V.P. named Labbe  
Who appeared uncommonly crabbe  
If you knew him well, when he'd give you hell  
You'd find him not crabbe, just blabbe.

There once was a business manager named Paul,  
Listening to students without heat in their hall.  
He said with a chill as he gave them a bill,  
"Go and buy some canned heat for your hall."

There once was a personnel dean named Hughes  
Who of discipline made absolutely no ruse.  
It sure wasn't funny to pay him your money  
For smoking grass and drinking your booze.

There once was a board of trustees,  
Men of business whom all students should please  
And they said with much rigor, while lighting a cigar,  
"Smile, we've just raised tuition and fees."

There once was a dean named "Big Lou"  
Who tried to tell his faculty exactly what to do.  
While hiring and firing, he's long since quit smiling.  
He's now a captain without his crew.

Then there's that man John Sharon,  
Of SAGA he claims to be baron.  
He tries money to save and he's really quite brave,  
To serve food like that really takes darin'.

There once was an SJC janitor named Jake  
Who spent most of the salary he would make.  
He said, "As you see, I try to be thrifty  
My check buys an hourly coffee break."

There was a president named Banet.  
When money ran out—he didn't plan it;  
When his critics got pesty, and even more testy  
He told them, "Dear friends, please cram it."

There once was an "historian" named Shea  
Who spoke in a most sarcastic way.  
He died in bed, stab wounds in his head,  
From a student on a pro-seminar day.

There was a house mother—Ma Dunn  
Who knew how to have all kinds of fun.  
She slept during the day, because she did say—  
You'll never see a panty raid in the sun.

There once was a retired colonel named Staudt.  
Vandals and freaks out of Halleck he'd rout  
It was all done in fun, as he'd polish his gun.  
We're not sure he's in the Army, or out.

Then there was that development team  
Who claimed to work harder than it would seem.  
At the end of the day, they knelt down to pray  
Over frosty bottles containing Jim Beam.

There once was a paper called Stough  
Where final copy came out rather rough  
They'd always begin with tons of chagrin  
And editorials they usually would mough.

There once was a writer named Holda  
His limericks caused his column to folda.  
Convicted of libel, behind bars for survival  
He'll sit and he'll rot, and he'll molda.

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# Pumas Nipped By Tigers After Dumping Bulldogs

The Saint Joe Pumas were crowded into a corner last night in an error-filled contest, and the DePauw Tigers responded with four seconds remaining in the game, by clipping SJC 91-90 on Jay Frye's 25-foot basket. The loss shocked the Pumas, who broke a five-game losing streak with a tension-packed victory over Butler last Saturday, 88-85.

The Saints and Tigers set a fast and sharp scoring pace in the opening minutes of the game. Only frequent fouls and turnovers by both teams saved the game from being a run-and-gun affair. Ernie Fifer, George Brun, and Mark Phillips kept the Pumas' hoop hopping well enough to gain a 52-47 edge at the half.

DePauw played the steadier ball throughout the second half, continually threatening to overcome the Pumas' fluctuating nine-to-four point advantage. With four minutes to go, the Tigers pulled to within one point of SJC, 80-79, before gaining the lead for the first time 15 seconds later on a bucket by Gary Pittenger. DePauw hung onto the lead until Joe Fritz put SJC on top 86-85 with 1:29 on the clock.

The lead changed hands four times in the next minute as Larry Johnson and Pittenger hit for the Tigers, and Fifer and Ron Fueger scored for SJC. A DePauw time out at the 22-second mark set the stage for the 57' Frye's heroics.

Fifer topped all scorers with 26 and Brun added 21 in the losing effort. SJC hit on .528 from the floor while the Tigers tickled the twine at a .508 clip. Both teams suffered from 23 fouls apiece, but DePauw converted on 23-31 charity tosses to the Pumas' 20-30. SJC's record now stands at 8-9 and 2-1 in the ICC, while DePauw registers 5-12 and 1-2 in the ICC.

Playing on their home court for the first time in 42 days, the Pumas bested the Bulldogs of Butler in a contest that rivaled in suspense last season's final-second victory by SJC. Butler and its mighty-mite Billy Shepherd jumped off to a quick start and held the Pumas at bay in the opening ten minutes of the game. But the Pumas' glove-tight defense and balanced scoring finally brought Saint Joe back in to contention. Last year's ICC co-champs exchanged the lead 11 times before the Pumas grabbed a 45-42 cushion at the half.

The Bulldogs exploded for 14 points before the second stanza was five minutes old, while the Saints notched only two. Another seesaw battle developed as both teams traded scoring spurts and

the lead. With 59 seconds left on the clock, Shepherd flipped a 20-footer through the bucket for an 85-84 Butler advantage. However, Roger Morgan's floor-length pass to Brun for an easy basket, and Shepherd's subsequent miss for Butler, allowed Puma defensive ace Joe Fritz to ice the victory for SJC with a layup as the final seconds ticked off the clock.

Fifer triggered the Saints' scoring with 29 points, while connecting on 12 of 19 fieldgoal attempts. Morgan and Brun each added 17 points, as Fritz accounted for 12 markers, all in the last half. Shepherd, the number two scorer in the ICC last season with a 30.4 average, collected only 20 points, hitting on only nine of 26 attempts.

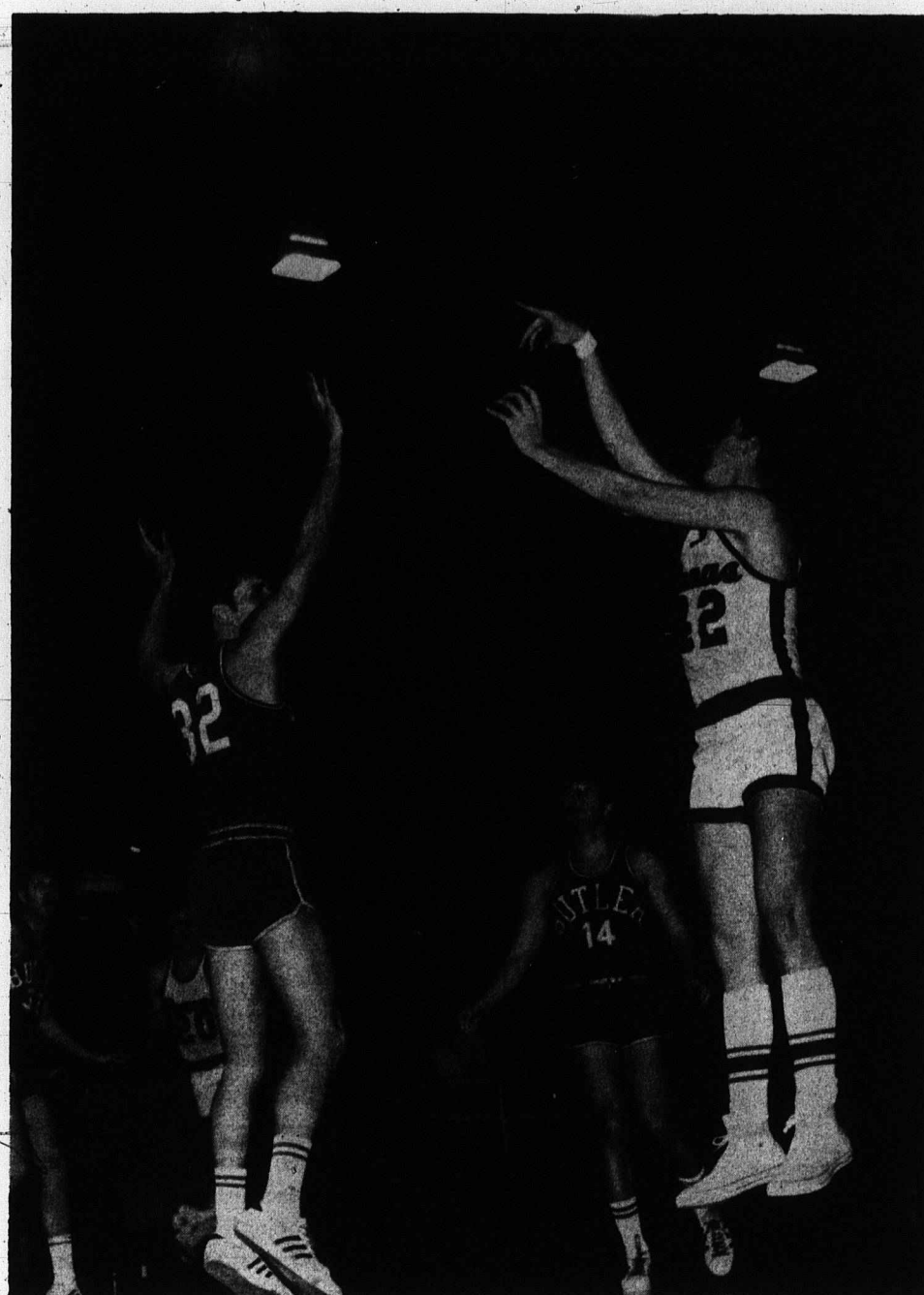
Last Saturday's win followed one of the roughest road trips in recent history for SJC. Saint Joe opened the trip losing to Northern Illinois 100-75 (Dec. 21), before notching a 90-85 victory over ICC foe Valparaiso (Jan. 6). The Saints dropped their last five in a row however, succumbing to DePaul 85-71 (Jan. 9), Memphis State 113-97 (Jan. 13), Wabash 71-70 (Jan. 16), Central Michigan 86-64 (Jan. 20), and Kent State 105-84 (Jan. 23).

"We've learned a lot by playing on the road against some competition that is really out of our league," notes SJC coach Jim Holstein. "We've played teams that are loaded with talent from the top to the bottom of their rosters, and we know that to win, we must play our whole game well."

## Wrestlers Pin DePauw

Yesterday, Saint Joe's wrestling team dumped the DePauw Tigers, 29-10, in a one-sided dual match. Dominating the visiting Tigers in the middle and heavyweights, the Pumas picked up wins in seven of the nine weight divisions.

The Saints' sole lightweight victory came when SJC's Tom McMahon was awarded a forfeit in the 126-pound class. The Saints, however, fell to pins in the 134 and 142-pound classes for DePauw's only triumphs.



Butler's Billy Shepherd (14) and Kent Ehert (33) and SJC's George Brun (20) watch as Bulldog Dave Bennett tries to block Roger Morgan's shot. The basket was good and the Pumas won 88-85.

"Against Central Michigan, for example, we were able to run and shoot with them and play defense with them, but we didn't rebound with them, and this is what beat us. Then against Kent State, we rebounded with them but didn't shoot with them."

Summarizing the lengthy January road schedule, Holstein says "it used to be that January either made us or broke us. We don't think it did either this year, and the effect of the past month won't be clear until we have moved further into the conference games in February."

## Aces - Raiders Challenge Saints

A pivotal ICC contest and a new opponent challenge the Pumas in the next five days. Saturday, SJC will be hosted by the ICC pre-season favorite, the Evansville Aces. The Pumas then return to Collegeville for a game with the Raiders of Wright State Tuesday.

While SJC swept a pair of victories from the Aces last season, Evansville will enter the contest favored on the basis of its 11-6 record and recent national rankings in the small college poll of top teams.

A well-balanced ball club with overall depth, Evansville is lead by forward John Wellemeier, who leads the UE scoring parade with a 19.7 mark, followed by guards Don Buse (17.4) and Rick Coffey (10.8). The Aces' center, 6'9" Steve Welmer, couples his board strength with a 9.8 point average to make him a serious inside threat to SJC.

Wright State poses the Saints with the problem of unfamiliarity.

The Raiders, 6-10 on the season, are guided by guard Dave Magill's 18.3 mark and Mark Donahue's 12.5. A pair of 6'5" forwards, Jim Thacker and Jim Minch, are the leading rebounders with 8.6 and 8.2 averages respectively.

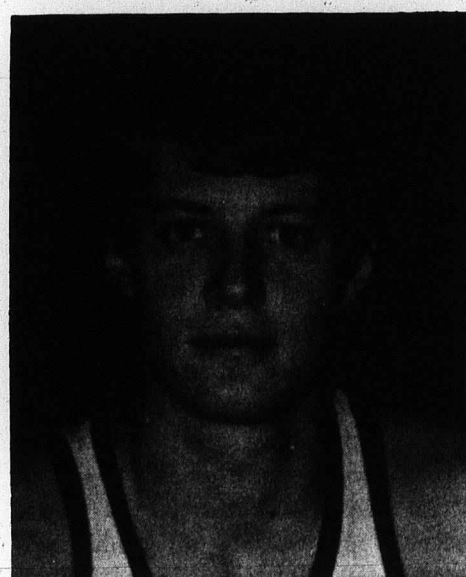


## PUMA PRINTS

By PATRICK RIHA

For those of us students who live many miles from the cornfields of Indiana and could not find game stories of the Pumas' exploits in the roundball wars in hometown newspapers, scouring the columns of print for the SJC scores became a misty-eyed experience as the interim progressed.

Six losses in seven outings is hard to swallow at first bite; but once you chew through the facts the record becomes, not tasty,



Fritz

but digestible. At Northern Illinois, the Pumas ran into a team that gunned away at a phenomenal .616 clip from the floor. Ron Fueger's 25 points at Valparaiso lead the Saints to their lone win of the campaign.

Saint Joe found itself out-refereed at DePaul; and although Ernie Fifer bagged 31 markers against Memphis State, the Pumas were overpowered by a much bigger and heavier squad. The old saying about "on any given day..." applies to the Wabash loss. Central Michigan was looking for revenge after the Pumas humiliated them on

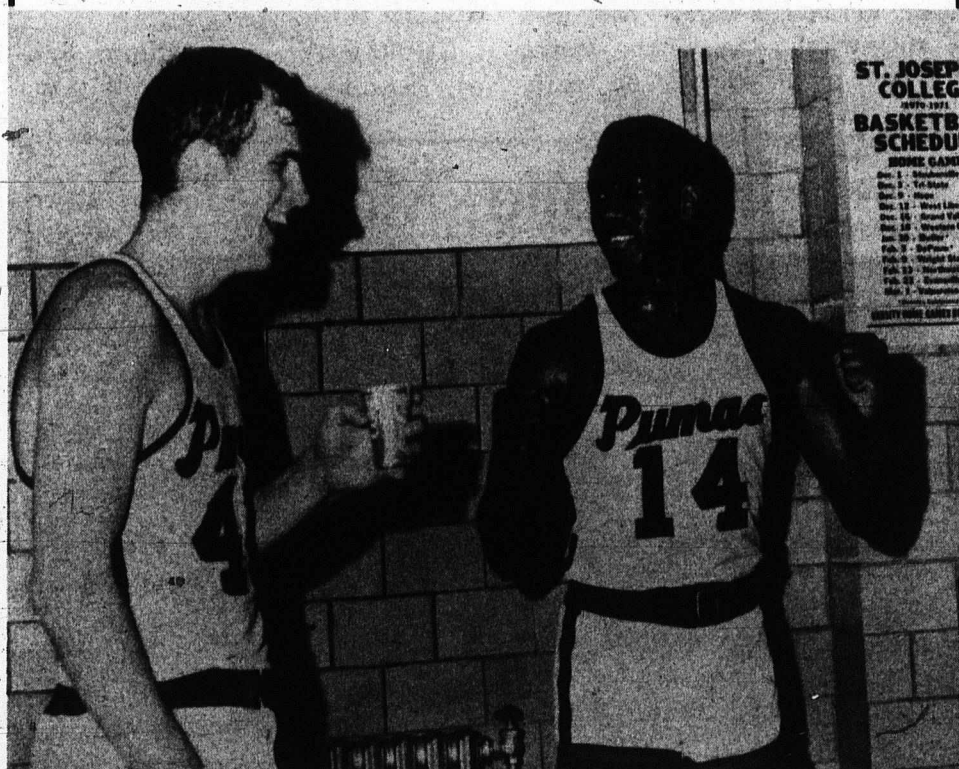
their own court in the NCAA regional finals last year, and they got it in a big way by monopolizing the game with their rebounding prowess. George Brun's 31 points sparked for the Saints at Kent State, but the Golden Flashes' brilliant .567 shooting spree from the floor left Saint Joe in the dark when the final tally was registered.

As the ICC swings into action this week, the Pumas find themselves on the bright side of a win over the Butler Bulldogs. Fifer's 29 points and the overall play by Saint Joe impressed not only the fans, but also a few coaches around the conference no doubt. However, the biggest impression was made by the Saints' tough defensive guard Joe Fritz. Never championed as an offensive threat, averaging only 2.9 points a game prior to Butler, Fritz rocked the Bulldogs with 12 big scores in the last half. His defense all but snuffed out Butler's top dog Bill Shepherd, causing the touted Butler fastbreak to collapse into a dog pile.

SJC shocked the conference last year by clinching a share of the conference title when they were picked to finish at the bottom of the heap. So after the Pumas graduated three of their starters and their steady sixth man, they weren't considered likely to repeat as champions. And although Butler and Evansville were supposed to duel it out for the crown, I think the Pumas will hang in there for another piece of the title in 1971. Predictions are as follows:

Saint Joseph's	6-2
Evansville	6-2
Butler	5-3
Valparaiso	2-6
DePauw	1-7

## Winning Again



Roger Morgan laughs as Ernie Fifer explains how his gung-ho style of basketball led him to the top of the ICC's scoring list with a 24.5 points-per-game average.

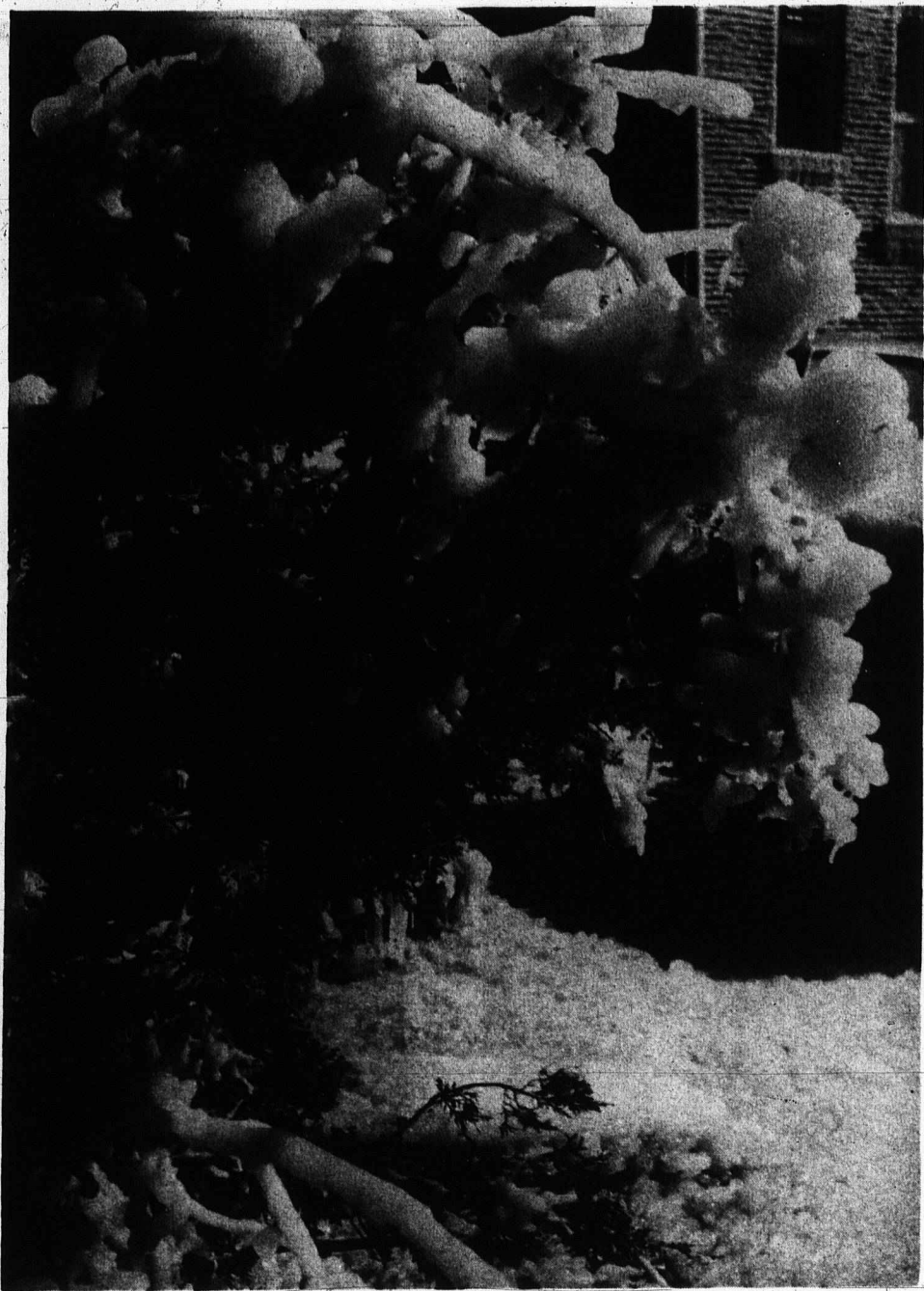
## IM News

Regular season basketball ended Tuesday, opening the way for tournament action which begins Monday.

All teams that have finished above .500 and have not forfeited a game are eligible for the tournament which will end in a double elimination playoff.

Also scheduled for Monday are the weigh-ins for the wrestling tournament which will get underway Wednesday. The tournament will be a singles event, double elimination meet.





Collegeville winters are both beautiful and bitter. Nature's handiwork weathers the cold in fine style, while man's machines don't fare quite so well (opposite picture).

## .. Reel Review ..

by Frankye Gemmer

### The Out of Towners

Friday, 7:30 and 10 p.m.

Jack Lemmon, Sandy Dennis

An exasperating experience that every tourist, passer-by or motorist will recognize. Sandy Dennis and Jack Lemmon portray the magnificent stereotype of a suburban Iowa couple in the big city. "The Out of Towners" is definitely an easy laugh.

### The Part

Saturday, 2 and 10 p.m.

Peter Sellers

In this one-joke script, Peter Sellers portrays his usual stumblebum self who accidentally gets invited to a party. He turns a black tie dinner into a hectic crescendo of slapstick as he topples in his boss' flower bed, loses his muddy

shoe in the hors d'oeuvres, knocks a servant through a window, inadvertently turns on the lawn sprinkler, and slides off the roof into the pool. Eventually it all becomes a big yawn.

### Man for All Seasons

Sunday, 2 and 8 p.m.

Paul Scofield

Paul Scofield is excellent in his role as St. Thomas Moore. The movie superbly depicts the life of this saint who rebelled against the realm of unrelinquishing desires. The reality of his endurance of life's trials and tribulations is most heavy.

### Wild in the Streets

Wednesday, 7:30 and 10 p.m.

Christopher Jones

This is one of those generation gap movies. However, it is a brutally funny and intelligent film. Max Frost leaves home at the age of 15 and within seven years he becomes the world's most idolized entertainer. He is not satisfied with his role in life so he publicly demands that the voting age be lowered to fourteen. Within a month, 18 states adopt this policy and he ultimately becomes President. "Wild in the Streets" is blunt and a little "preachy" yet it has a very clear logic about where things end.

Little Fauss and Big Halsy  
are not your father's heroes.

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Little Fauss and BIG Halsy  
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## BOOKS

### "Death Is An Imposition . . ."

By MIKE HILBRICH

Alan Harrington is an unsettling individual; black humorists are notoriously like that. He is one of the few combinations of cool rationalist and "utopian-visionary" in captivity, and he has recently written a book entitled *The Immortalist*.

*The Immortalist* is not a novel, and only rather bloodless considerations of the work will describe it as merely novel. Harrington has baldly—not to say staggeringly—stated the traditionally sublimated, the historically whispered: men should not have to die.

The first sentence reads, "Death is an imposition on the human race and no longer acceptable." Harrington then proceeds, calmly and scientifically, to dispel whatever suspicions of lunacy were precipitated by that statement.

Drawing heavily from literature, philosophy and science, the author presents a convincing and comprehensive position on the subject that has historically been the least amenable to rational consideration. Succinctly, men are becoming increasingly unable to countenance their personal extinction; the superstitions that men invented to reconcile themselves with the monstrous fact of death are becoming increasingly ludicrous. Death can no longer be explained away as a proper, necessary, or even "natural" human phenomenon.

Or so, at least, says Alan Harrington.

Men spend their lives "huddling in communes or corporations," living with the suspicion of meaninglessness while psychologically addicted to vestiges of philosophic and religious superstitions that give life and understandable if counterfeit visage. In our technical society, this means performing be-

fore the psychological equivalent of Jonathan Edward's God: the imaginary Computer of Excellence.

The unconscious and irrational belief that somewhere there is someone or something sitting in his counting house counting all our deeds—and assigning us an immortality potential—is the cause of the current epidemic of screwthy-neighbor personal philosophies. To avoid death I must be worthy of immortality. To be worthy to rise above the common lot (death), I must demonstrate my superiority—in terms of success—at the expense of the less worthy, which is everyone else.

Whence cometh Evil.

And then, with one quick step, Harrington offers us the elixir: man, he says, must engineer his own immortality, the only state for which he will settle.

Ludicrous? Absurd? Infinitely less than the simple fact of death, contends the author. Nor is he content with exhortation; the final one-fourth of the book is an analysis of the present state of the biomedical sciences in terms of their capacity to keep men from dying. Amazingly, one walks away with the impression that it can, eventually, be done.

Harrington would probably be the first to deny that his book embodies any sort of Ultimate Truth. But this sort of approach to death was probably the predictable outcome of the We-Will-Find-Out-About-Everything Game that the Greeks began to play, "... speculating about the heavens above, and searching into the earth beneath, and making the worse appear the better cause . . .", etc.

## The Teletype

CHICAGO—The first legal abortion was performed here Monday and it may be the first of 40,000 performed every year in Illinois under a new court ruling. This prediction was made by Dr. Marvin Rosner, who performed the 20-minute operation on a 23-year-old housewife in Grant Hospital.

HOUSTON—Apollo 14 has been given the final go-ahead for its scheduled Friday morning moon landing, despite a possible defect in the locking mechanism that links the lunar module to the command module. The touchdown by astronauts Alan B. Shepherd and Edgar D. Mitchell is set for 3:16 a.m. (C.S.T.) tomorrow. Astronaut Stuart A. Roosa is pilot of the command module Kitty Hawk.

WASHINGTON—President Nixon Monday outlined his 1971 economic policy goals in his annual Economic Message to Congress. According to the administration's plan, by mid-1972 the nation's unemployment should be in the "zone of reasonably full employment" and the rate of inflation in the 3 per cent range.

INDIANAPOLIS — Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.), in a speech before 250 Indiana Democratic officials this week, said he is "seriously considering" running for President in 1972.

BERKELEY — Physicists from the University of California reported this week they have discovered one of the rarest and most elusive of the nuclear particles within the atom. The particle is called antiomega-minus baryon—an antiparticle, the mirror image of matter as we know it on earth.

WASHINGTON — The U. S. Postal Service this week announced plans to raise postage to eight cents per ounce for first-class mail and to nine cents for airmail. The new rates are scheduled to become effective in mid-May.

WASHINGTON—The National Institute of Mental Health this week released the results of its latest survey of marijuana smoking on college campuses. It found that almost one-third of students have tried marijuana and one-seventh use it regularly.

## This Week

FRIDAY—Movie: "The Out of Towners," 7:30 and 10 p.m. December's Children: snackbar, 9 to midnight.

SATURDAY — Varsity Basketball: SJC vs. Evansville, there, 8 p.m. Movie: "The Party," 2 and 10 p.m.

SUNDAY—Movie: "A Man for All Seasons," 2 and 8 p.m.

MONDAY — Pre-Cana conference: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crowley, "Choice of a Partner," conference room, 7:15 p.m.

TUESDAY—Varsity Basketball: SJC vs. Wright State, here, 7:30 p.m. Wrestling: SJC vs. Illinois Institute of Technology, here, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY — Faculty meeting, West Oratory, 7:30 p.m. Movie: "Wild in the Street," 7:30 and 10 p.m.

THURSDAY — Wrestling: SJC vs. Parkland, Ill., there, 4 p.m.

### BEST SELLERS

#### Fiction

1. Love Story, by Segal
  2. Q B VII, by Uris
  3. Islands in the Stream, by Hemingway
  4. Caravan to Vaccares, by MacLean
  5. Passenger to Frankfurt, by Christie
  6. Crystal Cave, by Stewart
  7. Rich Man, Poor Man, by Shaw
  8. The Child from the Sea, by Goudge
  9. The New Centurians, by Wambaugh
  10. God Is an Englishman, by Delderfield
- #### Nonfiction
1. The Greening of America, by Reich
  2. Khrushchev Remembers, by Khrushchev
  3. The Sensuous Woman, by "J"
  4. Inside the Third Reich, by Speer
  5. Future Shock, by Taffler
  6. Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex, by Reuben
  7. Civilisation, by Clark
  8. Crime in America, by Clark
  9. The Rising Sun, by Toland
  10. A White House Diary, by Johnson

### Celebrant Schedule For Weekend Masses

Sat., 7 p.m. . . . Fr. Reale  
Sat., midnight . Fr. Fitzgerald  
Sun., 10:30 a.m. . Fr. Wyen  
Sun., noon . . . Fr. Ranly  
Sun., 4:30 p.m. . Fr. Froelich  
all masses in the west oratory

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